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To: Microsoft ATR **Date:** 1/3/02 2:24pm

Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Justices,

Is Microsoft a 3monopoly²? Not in the proper, derogatory, traditional sense of the term. Unlike the old AT&T Bell monopoly, or today's U.S Post Office monopoly, Microsoft did not gain its market share by having the government outlaw its competitors: Microsoft earned its position in the free-market.

I like all consumers vote with my pocketbook. Since Microsoft is the champion in innovation, products, and business acumen, I buy their products. I also avoid the products of those who seek the power of the government to compete.

The problem is not with Microsoft, it is with the anti-trust law - it should be rescinded.

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